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SIX PER CENT LAW WORKS
WRONG

The 6 per cent tax limitation law bids fair to work the reverse of what its supporters intended. Bear in mind we say supporters, not authors, for the law works just as its authors intended. Instead of enforcing economy, it will place a premium on extravagance. Under its provisions school boards, city and county officials may not make their annual budget to exceed the previous year's expenses by 6 per cent. As a consequence these officials will not dare economize in a lean year, for their expenditures the year following shall not be more than 6 per cent over the previous year.

For illustration, let us take our own city and schools. During the past several years we have seen lean times. Suppose the school, county or city officials had cut their expenses in half at the expense, temporarily, of the development of the county and of the school's and city's growth. They would now find that while they economized in that year to relieve a people who, at that time, were none too prosperous, they could only increase their expenses the coming year by 6 per cent, no matter what emergency arose. During the past few months many families have moved to St. Helens, consequently there are more pupils for the public schools. New houses are being built, therefore more street work must be done. More houses being built and streets being improved calls for more street lights and other expenses a city must have to keep pace with its growth, but according to this new law our expenses shall not be increased more than 6 per cent, even if the growth of the city is 50 per cent and the school attendance is doubled. It is already apparent that the 6 per cent tax limitation law was about the most monumental mistake yet made in the name of direct legislation, and a good example of just how blindly the public votes when confused with the long ballot. Oregon will suffer on account of this law, and the people can lay part of the blame to Robert Smith of the Tax Liberator. We also recall the fact that the mighty Oregonian advised its readers to support this measure. We think we can understand Smith's motive, but we are at a loss for a reason as to why the Oregonian took such a decided stand in favor of so vicious a measure.

TRADE AT HOME

The Mist is trying to impress on the minds of its readers that the best way to bring prosperity to the town or the community is by trading right in your own home town. The mail order houses do not contribute to the support of the towns, the schools, the churches or any other enterprise which is of benefit to the entire community. Before you send your money out of the town or the county, go and look over the stocks of the local merchants.

Another feature: Most every mail brings the auto owner a flood of circulars showing how cheap he can buy tires and auto accessories. Before you fill in the coupon which is invariably attached to the circular, go and see the local garage men. All of them handle the standard makes of tires and auto supplies. They trade with you, give them a chance. This same thing applies to every line of business in town. Before sending your money away from the place in which you earn it, look over the stocks of your home dealers and you will find they have stocks sufficient to fill your wants and at prices equal to other places. When you trade at home, you become a factor in the upbuilding of the community.

THE TIME TO SAVE MONEY

Presumably every young man knows, as a physical fact, that he can do nothing next year which he cannot, in some degree, to today. He will not grow wings, or overcome the law of gravitation, or subsist without food. But he is always prefiguring a future in which his mind will permeate differently. The time will certainly come when he realizes that there is no future, but only an indefinite extension of today. The important question is whether that time will come early enough in life to do him any particular good.

A lazy man cannot possibly make himself industrious in the future; or a tippling man, sober; or an extravagant man, economical. If it is done at all he must do it at an immediate

present moment—at some "right now!" No man ever saved a penny in the future, or ever will. He has got to save the penny in his hand at the moment or he will be broke to the day of his death. That is clear enough to anybody who will think about it. To save the penny in hand he must resist the temptation to spend it. Imagining himself next year as resisting the temptation to spend a handful of pennies will do him the same good that the drunkard gets out of imagining himself reformed next year. Every year that he does not resist weakens his ability to resist.

This spending business is as much a matter of habit as tipping. It is within the knowledge of everybody who has the ordinary circle of personal acquaintances that, after a certain time, the man who lives up to the limit of his income—which, about nine times out of ten, means a little beyond—accepts that as a normal condition and just automatically spends whatever he gets.

At twenty a man lives largely in an imaginary future. At thirty he seems still to have fairly incalculable powers and opportunities to draw upon. At forty he begins to realize what he fully knows, probably, at forty-five—namely, that he has already spent his future, in the sense that he has largely shaped and fixed it; so that it will contain nothing essentially different from what he himself has already put into it.

If he can realize by thirty that he is spending his future every day it will be a good thing for him.—Saturday Evening Post.

In its last issue the Rainier Review had a very able editorial as to how the tax limitation law would affect Rainier. The Daily Astorian had a similar article. If the editors of both these papers, as well as many others of the "country press," had shown up this scheme prior to election there would be no necessity of such editorials as we now see. Apparently, many of the country editors were asleep at the switch.

If Germany persists in the policy of taking the able-bodied men and boys from Belgium to Germany to work in factories there, thus allowing the present operatives to go to the front, she will make another dark blot on her war history, a blot even darker than that of the Landtula.

January, 1917, and bone dry will soon be here. The bone dry amendment was put through by the brewers; rather like the dog in the manger. If they couldn't make it, they didn't want it sold in Oregon.

Yes, it is a fact that the Oregonian advised its readers to vote yes on the tax limitation measure. Robert Smith, of the Tax Liberator (?), was also strongly in favor of the measure.

Talking about the solid south, how about the solid west, with the exception of the grand old Oregon state.

Six days until time to give thanks, see the football games and then eat turkey.

OUR WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

BRIEF NOTES

Clean skimmed milk is a valuable food, but it should be sold as skimmed.

The Chinese make an appetizing table sauce of soy beans, wheat and rock salt.

The melting point of southern-made butter is higher where cattle are fed cottonseed products.

Forty-five thousand dead ducks, victims of wild duck disease, were picked up on one marsh near Great Salt Lake.

In 1904, out of the total road and bridge expenditures, \$20,000,000 of the \$80,000,000 was paid in labor—that is, worked out on the roads.

The so-called guaranty legend on packages of foods and drugs does not mean that the United States government has passed on the quality of the product.

Concentrated cider, which keeps better and is much less bulky than the ordinary product, can be made by freezing and centrifugalizing, which eliminate water and leave behind sugar and flavor.

The sense of direction in migratory birds is as marvelous as it is mysterious. The familiar inhabitants of our dooryard martin boxes return the next year to these same boxes, though meanwhile they have visited Brazil.

Flies can be kept from breeding in manure piles by the addition of a small quantity of cyanamid, which kills the larvae and at the same time adds to the fertilizing value of the manure.

ORDINANCE NO. 198

An Ordinance for the vacation of a portion of Rose Hill, now a part of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, together with certain streets therein, as petitioned for by John S. Parke and Netta B. Parke, by petition dated September 12, 1916, and filed with the Recorder of said City October 2, of said year.

The people of the City of St. Helens, do ordain as follows:

Whereas, John S. Parke and Netta B. Parke, having on October 2, 1916, filed with the City Recorder of St. Helens, in Columbia County, State of Oregon, their written petition for an order vacating all of blocks five, six, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen and fifteen, in Rose Hill, in the Francis A. Lemont Donation Land Claim, in section 33, township five, north, range one west of the Willamette Meridian, in the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, Oregon, together with all that portion of Lemont street and Walnut street, in said Rose Hill, lying west of Walla Walla street; all that portion of Spring street and Pacific street, in said Rose Hill, lying north of Lemont street; and all of Bond street, Franklin street and Pine street, in said Rose Hill, lying north of the St. Helens-Columbia City County road, for the reason that there is no call for any of the above described property for any purpose whatever in its present platted condition, that it has not improved and does not improve and that said petitioners are desirous that the same may be vacated that they can the more cheaply and satisfactorily handle the same until there is a demand therefor for City purposes;

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Common Council of the City of St. Helens, by the affidavit of the printer of the St. Helens Mist, a newspaper of general circulation, published weekly in said City, due and legal notice of the filing of said petition was published for more than 30 days immediately preceding this 13th day of November, 1916; and it further appearing that due and legal notice of the filing of said petition was on the 2nd day of October, 1916, posted in three of the most public places in said City, wherein public notice was given that said petition had been filed, and would on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1916, at the hour of 8 o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the council chamber, in the City Hall, of said City, be presented to the Honorable Council of said City for hearing and for its action thereon;

And said petition having come on regularly for hearing on this the said 13th day of November, 1916, and no objections having been filed thereto, or now being made; and it appearing to the Council that all the allegations of said petition are true; It is now therefore ordered, that all of blocks five, six, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen and fifteen in Rose Hill, in the Francis A. Lemont Donation Land Claim, in section 33, township 5, north, range 1 west of the Willamette Meridian in the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, Oregon, together with all that portion of Lemont street and Walnut street, in said Rose Hill, lying west of Walla Walla street; all that portion of Spring street and Pacific street, in said Rose Hill, lying north of Lemont street; and all of Bond street, Franklin street and Pine street, in said Rose Hill, lying north of the St. Helens-Columbia City County road, and the same hereby is, vacated.

Read the first time November 13, 1916.

Read the third time and passed November 20, 1916.

Approved November 20, 1916,

S. C. MORTON, Mayor.

Attest:

E. E. QUICK, Recorder.

Nicotine is found in only one plant besides tobacco—a large shrub known to botanists as Duboisia hopwoodii, which is native to the interior of Australia.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

W. J. Fullerton and R. F. Fullerton, Plaintiffs, vs. H. F. Reese, Gust Skagerberg, and Cummings Robinson Company, a corporation, and Mt. Hood Wood & Coal Co., Inc., a corporation, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of an execution in foreclosure, issued out of the above named Court, in the above entitled cause, on the 25th day of October, 1916, in pursuance of a judgment, decree and order of sale, rendered and entered in said Court on October 19, 1916, in a mortgage foreclosure suit, wherein the plaintiffs recovered judgment against the defendant, H. F. Reese, for the sum of \$2450.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 7 per cent per annum, from August 3, 1915, for \$105.81 taxes paid on the mortgaged premises, for \$175.00 attorney's fees, and for \$39.00 costs, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property in Columbia County, Oregon, to-wit: Lots two and three of Section thirty-six, in Township Four North of Range Two West of the Willamette Meridian, excepting five acres more or less of said Lot two heretofore sold to Geo. W. Ramsey, by deed recorded in Book U, page 566, records of deeds for said County.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 25th day of November, 1916, at 11:30 A. M., at the front door of the Court-house, in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, I will, in obedience to said execution, order and decree, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder, for cash, all the right, title and interest the said defendants now have, or either of them has, or had, on the 3rd day of August, 1911, the date of said mortgage, in and to said real property, to satisfy said execution, judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs.

Dated October 25, 1916.

E. C. STANWOOD, Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon. First publication October 27, 1916. Last publication November 24, 1916.

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